WHEREAS; more than 15,000 school bus drivers in the state of Wisconsin travel over 82 million miles a year to safely transport more than 600,000 students to and from school every day; and

WHEREAS; these drivers, managers, and operators of school buses practice and promote the highest standards to assure the protection of their passengers, which includes adapting to new protocols and considerations in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; throughout the challenging and uncertain times of the past year, Wisconsin's school bus drivers have provided a sense of comfort, security, and consistency when our kids need it the most; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the Wisconsin School Bus Association, through its Board of Directors, pledges its full and dedicated cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Division of State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and schools, law enforcement agencies, parent teacher associations, and other organizations throughout our state in promoting public awareness of the importance of school bus transportation and safety; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking our school bus drivers, managers, and operators for the important work they do to ensure our state's students have a safe and reliable way to get to school every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 8 through 12, 2021, as

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throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State

of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done 2021.	e at the Capitol in th	e City of Madison th	is 27 th day of January
TONY EVERS, Governor			
By the Governor:]		
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Seci	retary of State		